

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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TERMINATING APPOINTMENT OF)	Administrative Order
DEPUTY INDEPENDENT BAR)	No. 2021 - <u>121</u>
COUNSEL; TRANSFERRING MATTERS)	(replacing Administrative
TO INDEPENDENT BAR COUNSEL)	Order No. 2021-05)
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The Supreme Court has jurisdiction over any person engaged in the practice of law within the State of Arizona, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 31, and all lawyers are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court, *id.* R. 48. This Court has delegated the duty to investigate and, when necessary, prosecute lawyer discipline matters to the State Bar of Arizona.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2018-20, an Independent Bar Counsel (IBC) was established to handle certain matters that could not be assigned to the State Bar Lawyer Regulation Office. Due to the number of charges received related to the November 2020 election which could not be assigned to the State Bar Lawyer Regulation Office, a Deputy Independent Bar Counsel (DIBC) was appointed to assist Independent Bar Counsel. The caseload has now diminished, and it is no longer necessary for Deputy Independent Bar Counsel to assist Independent Bar Counsel with these matters.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV of the Arizona Constitution, and notwithstanding Rule 31, Rules of the Supreme Court and other rules concerning admission to the Arizona Bar,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The appointment of DIBC Lisa Daniel Flores is terminated.
2. The remaining charges related to the November 2020 election that were assigned to DIBC shall be transferred to IBC.
3. Notwithstanding Administrative Order No. 2018-20, it will be necessary to utilize State Bar Counsel, investigators, and administrative staff to assist IBC. One or more Bar Counsel shall be assigned to assist the IBC, if necessary, in screening, investigating, and prosecuting the assigned cases. However, the IBC shall make any decisions that Bar Counsel makes as authorized by applicable rules, including the decisions to dismiss or charge.

4. The confidentiality and immunity provisions of Supreme Court Rule 48(l) and (m) shall apply to duties performed by IBC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State Bar of Arizona shall pay reasonable fees, costs for services provided, and expenses incurred by IBC as necessary to carry out the duties required by this Order.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2021.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice